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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

SUBJECT: Protection of Classified Documents

1. For many years now, under USIB sanction, several agencies around town have been allowed to pass copies of our C. S. reporting to cleared contractors when the intelligence in the reports will presumably assist the contractors in carrying out the contract. I looked into this practice about a year ago through the Chief, FI Staff and we were able to amend the pertinent understandings and directives so that the Agency seal, source description and Directorate identification would have to be removed from such reports before they can be passed to contractors. I should mention that "controlled dissem" reports are not automatically passed to contractors. Special permission has to be received from the C. S.

2. Under this general practice, a very large number of our C. S. reports find their way through the other intelligence agencies into the hands of cleared contractors and we have a list of some though not all of these. The discussion at the Director's staff meeting this morning prompts me to suggest that you may wish to have a review made of this practice and perhaps a discussion with the Director as part of the overall security review on this subject being conducted by the Office of Security. It may be useful to include in a review of this the Chairman of the Intelligence Handling Committee of USIB, [ ] since that Committee has a very direct interest in this practice. Short of discontinuing the practice entirely, which would probably cause considerable unhappiness and which may in the long run not be a very wise thing to do, we might wish to stiffen requirements relating to clearances, need-to-know, storage facilities,

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maintenance of bigot lists, etc. on the part of the outside recipients of such reports. The bookkeeping would have to be the responsibility of the intelligence agency or office receiving our reports and wishing to pass them on to an outside contractor.



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